

Voter Awareness Brief

Introduction

- VOTING HISTORY FACTS
- ELIGIBILITY
- LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD
- RESOURCES

Voting History Facts

- 14th Amendment (1868) Males/21 yrs old
- 15th Amendment (1870) Eliminated Race Base Qualification to Vote
- 17th Amendment (1913) Elect US Senators by popular vote after they had previously been elected by the State Legislatures
- 19th Amendment (1920) Extended Voting Rights to Females
- 24th Amendment (1964) Poll taxes prohibited
- 26th Amendment (1971) Age reduced to 18

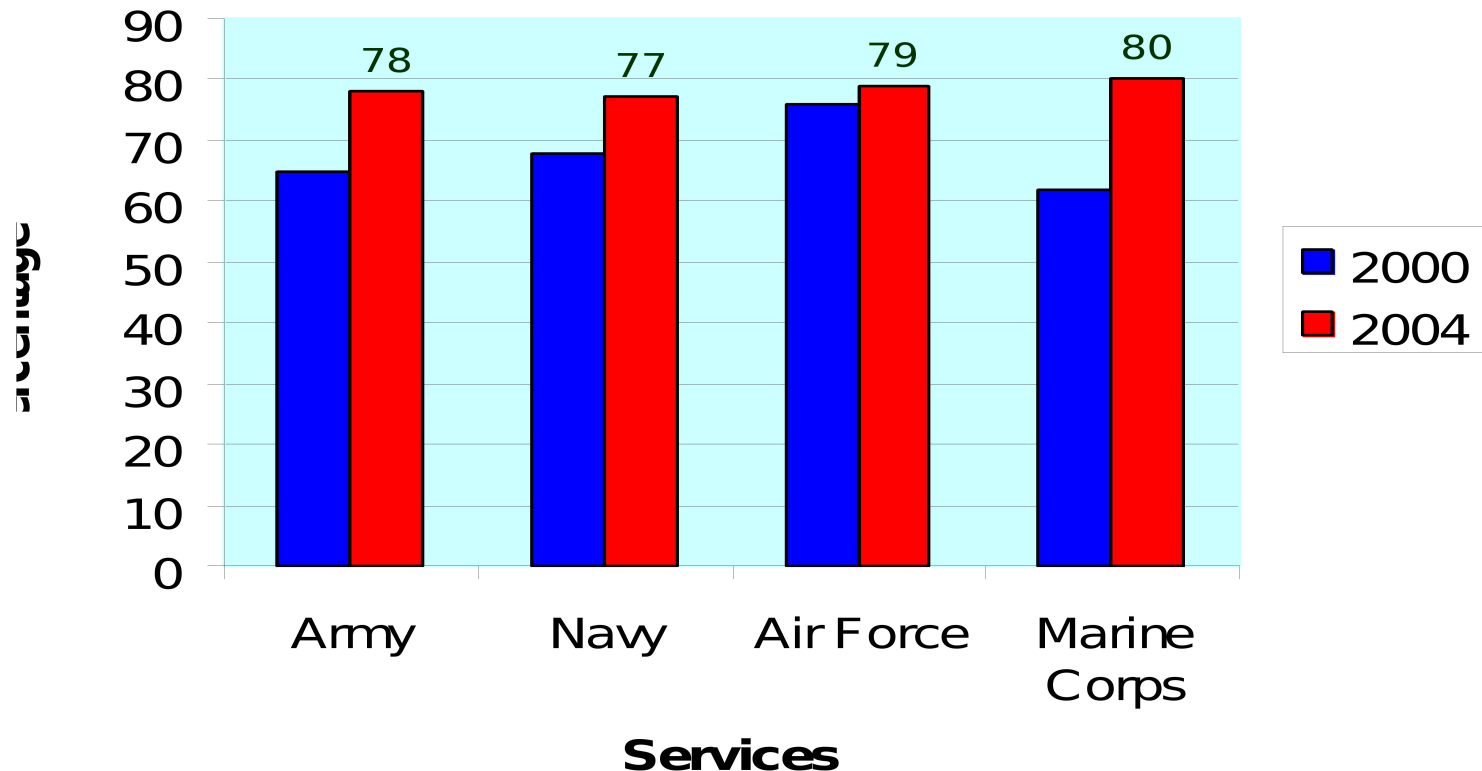
Voting History Facts

- Percentage of eligible voters who cast a vote for President in 2004

60%

Military Voters Participation

Voting Participation Data



Voting Information

- Each State controls it's own elections
- You can vote in your state of legal residency
- You can vote in all elections where your are eligible
- You can only vote in one state
- You cannot arbitrarily choose a state
- Contact your Legal Office for residency questions

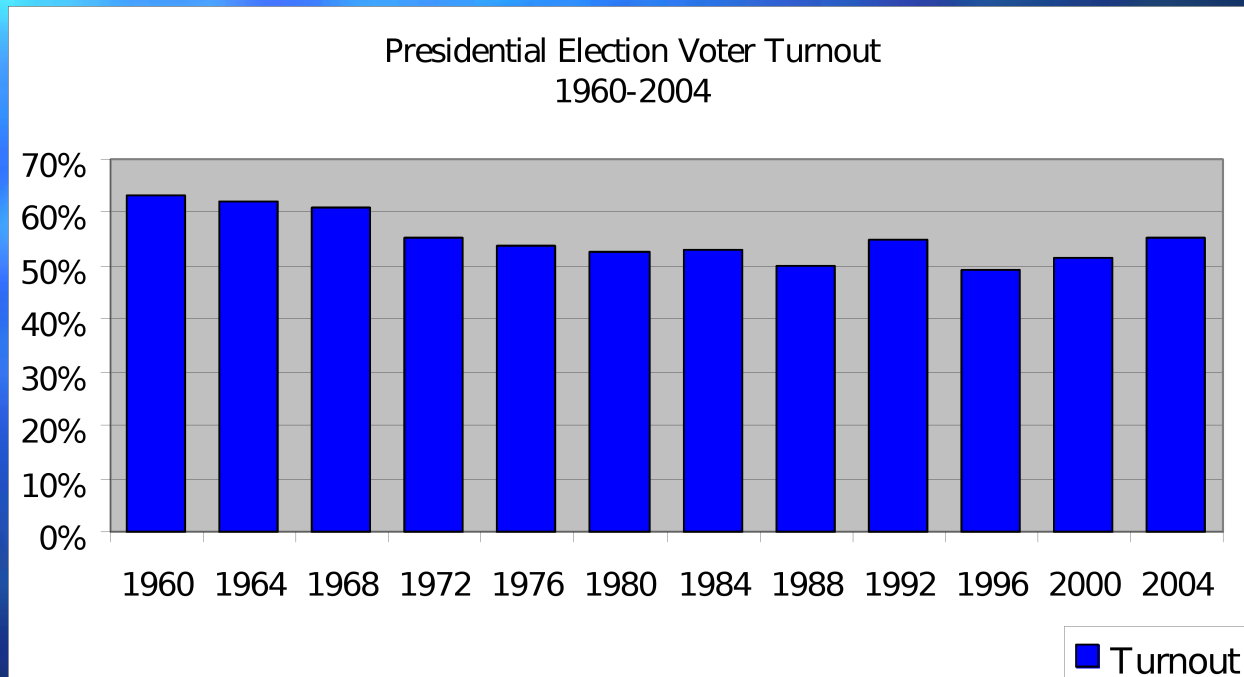
Your Responsibility

- Ensure you are eligible to vote
- Register to Vote before the deadline
- Keep your contact information up to date
- Vote your ballot when you receive it
- Ensure you follow directions on the registration and ballot

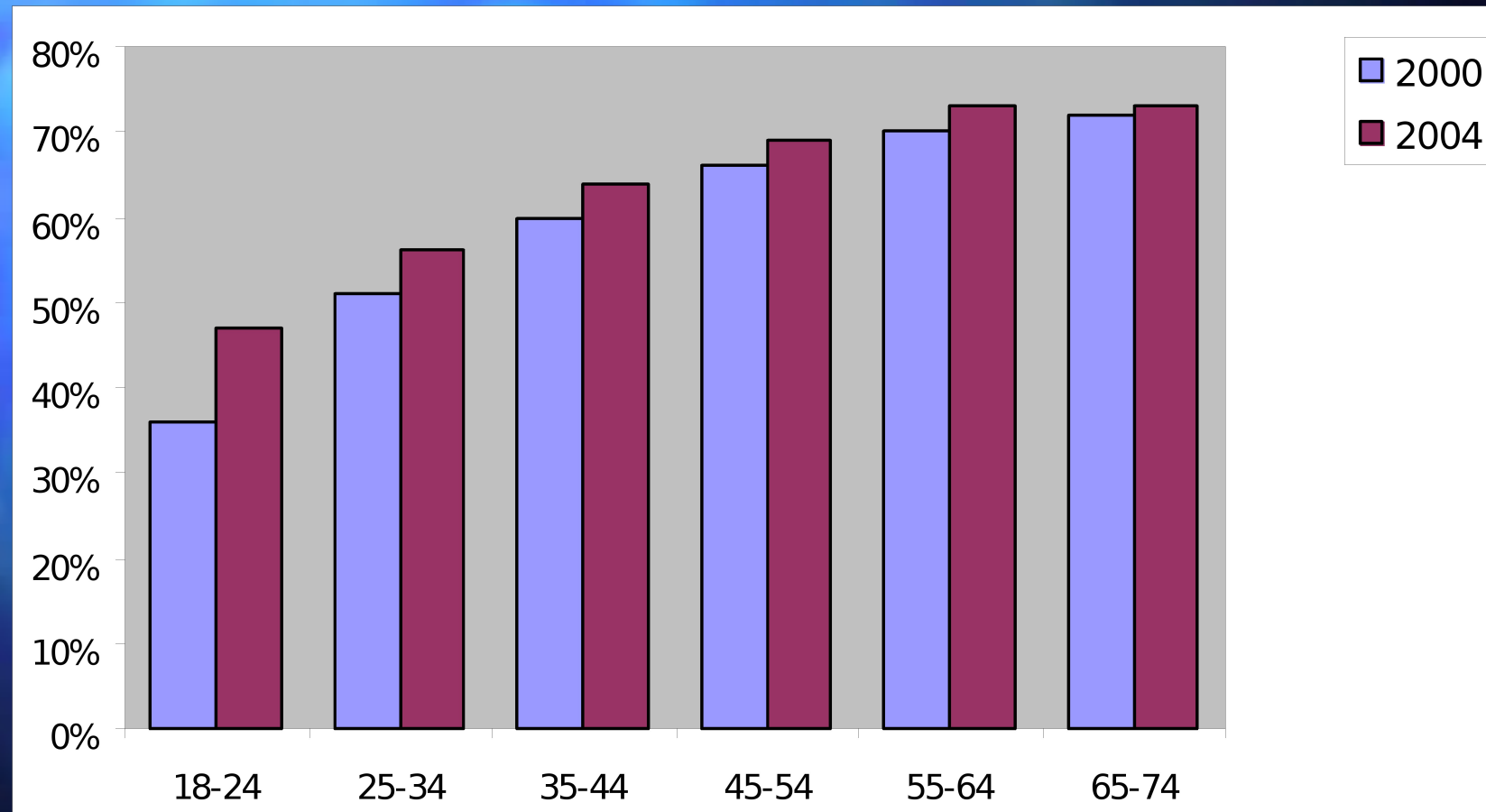
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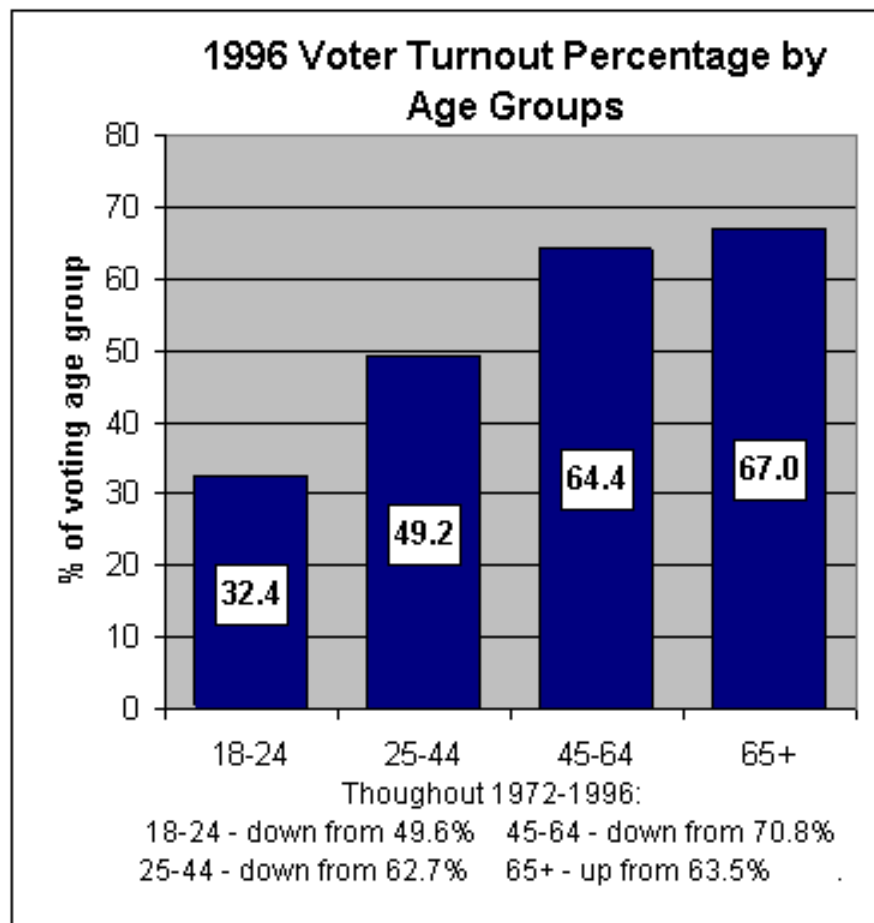
- Fill out the SF-76 Federal Post Card Application
 - Get copy of FPCA from UVAO
 - Get copy of FPCA on Line at:
www.manpower.uamc.mil/voting, or
www.fvap.gov
- Follow the directions for your state in Chapter 3 of the Voting Assistance Guide

Voter Turn-out from 1960-2004



Voter Turn-out by Age in USA





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ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 Years of Age
- Stationed away from Home or Record, in or outside of continental United States (Military/Family Members/Civilian)
- Other requirements vary by state of residence

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Reasons to Vote

- Silence is consent
- Right to vote
- Responsibility to society

Resources

- Unit Voting Assistance Officer
- 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide
- 2008-09 USMC Voting Action Plan
- www.fvap.gov
- www.manpower.usmc.mil/voting_

USMC Voting Webpage


Voting - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by NMCI


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40 days until the General Election!

Voting

The mission of the Voting Section is to ensure that every Marine, their eligible family members, and other personnel who are attached to or serving with Marine Corps units, who are absent from their voting residence and who are eligible to vote under the laws and procedures of their state of voting residence, are afforded every opportunity to vote utilizing the Absentee Voter Registration Program.



The right to vote is one of the most important civil liberties. Moreover, voting is an obligation that accompanies and protects the freedoms we enjoy. Since the birth of our Nation, Americans have understood their obligation as citizens to vote. By meeting their obligation to express themselves with the ballot, Americans have preserved our democratic system. All Marines, Civilian Marines, and their family members are encouraged to exercise their right to vote.

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Summary

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QUESTIONS
